

To the members of the Human Service Committee:

The testimony of Norah Gadomski in opposition to the Governor's Bill No. HB6367

I am, Norah Gadomski, from Elm Hill Manor, and I am opposed to the state freezing our rates.

Here are my reasons for this opposition:

When rates are frozen does that mean all the rates for insurance, telephone, heat, electric, food, and everything else that comes with running a home stay the same, I don't think so, as a matter of fact they all go up.

We look for items to purchase to be on sale before we buy most of our inventory such as the sheets, blankets and towels for each room.

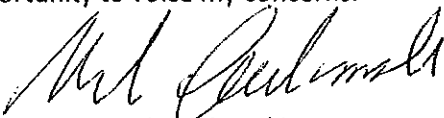
My husband has worked for Elm Hill for the past twenty-two years and has never received income for his work. My husband at this time no longer does the maintenance work. In 2012 I went up on a ladder and painted the doors, fire escapes, and everything else that need to be painted. My work began at 7:00am every morning and ended when the sun set usually after 7:00pm.

We no longer offer our employees' health insurance because we can no longer afford this expense, and our staff can't afford to pay the half required of them because we can't afford to give them a raise in pay.

I understand when the State takes a person out of convalescent care who can get around and doesn't need full time care from a convalescent home, however, when they are put in our home facility for residential care the rates are much lower and yet we are being penalized because of this Bill No. HB6367.

It's difficult to get through to the State's Offices and most of the time they do not return our telephone calls, which makes it hard to get the answers we seek. Is there a direct line or a telephone number that we can call to get the answers we need.

Freezing the rates is a hardship on us, our staff, and our residents. I want to thank you for this opportunity to voice my concerns.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Norah Gadomski', written in a cursive style.

Thank you, Norah Gadomski